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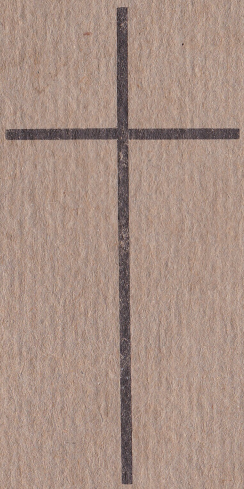

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17th NOVEMBER 1969

NO LATER PLEASE

"THE CROSS IS THE KEY"

Dear Friends,

There is sufficient happening in our world to bring the Church into disrepute. The trouble in Northern Ireland is being held up as the prime example of religion gone bad: and rightly so. In that situation we can see how deep forces of personal ambition, dogmatic pride and selfishness have got out of hand and have turned religion into hypocricy. But the church has survived such abuses and bigots before. She has known extreme bloodshed, persecutions and civil war. Our own British history is full of examples. She has been wayward, but has been accepted back by God for his chosen purpose. Like the Children of Israel, she has been gullible one minute and penitent the next.

In this day and age, the Church is weak to begin with. She is in a position of fighting to survive. We cannot presume that people will "automatically" come to church. Some churches have wrongly presumed that, when a housing estate has gone up on their own doorsteps, their pews would be replenished. They have been disappointed when their wishes have not been realised. One of the hardest of things to do is to face up to facts, especially when they are uncomfortable and demanding. I can only draw the following conclusions:-

1. The church that survives will be the church that has a clear view of mission.
2. You and I can help by:-
   a) welcoming the outsider and not being afraid to step down in order that they may feel at home and involved.
   b) taking a pride in our churches - by communicating the positive side of the church instead of negatively criticising, sometimes grumbling and complaining and generally giving the church a bad image.
   c) doing our utmost in giving time, support and money to make sure that our churches retain a strong Christian witness.
   d) forgiving one another, loving one another, and respecting one another.

The letter is written with us all in mind. It is not for applying to other people, whom we may feel fit the bill, but has the one and only purpose of making our dedication sincere and fruitful.

Yours faithfully,

Glyn Jenkins

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Mr. Roberts has indicated to the deacons and myself that he wishes to give up the appointment of Magazine Editor at the New Year, due to his appointment as Church Secretary. We are most grateful for the work that Mr. Roberts has done in this capacity - in making the Magazine interesting and easy to read, and in co-ordinating the material from the two churches.
If anyone is interested in taking up the post of Editor, please let Mr. Roberts or myself know. The appointment will be made at the November Church Meeting. At that meeting also, the appointment of an auditor will be made.

G.J.

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BAPTISMS

GILLIAN SARAH RABY and ANDREW JOHN RABY of 65 Egremont Road, Milnrow, baptised on Sunday 19th October, our minister presiding.
We welcome this family to St. Stephen's and trust they will feel at home.

IN MEMORIAM

MARY JANE SUTCLIFFE of 123 Royds Street, Milnrow, who passed away in Birch Hill Hospital on Saturday 4th October, age 76. Mrs. Sutcliffe was a long standing member of St, Stephen's and will be very much missed.
Our condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Bert Heywood and all the relatives.

IN MEMORIAM (continued)

ROBERT BROWN of 34 Cornfield Street, Milnrow, who passed away on 6th October 1969.
Our sympathy to Mrs. Brown and the relatives.

ERNEST STOTT of 94 Hare Hill Road, Littleborough, who passed away on Wednesday 14th October at home. Dearly loved husband of Amy Stott. Mr. Stott has been a supporter of the work of the church and dear friend of all at Littleborough Congregational Church. Our sympathy and good wishes to his widow and relatives.
Mrs. Stott wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and kindness.

Our minister presided at all the funerals.

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The resignation of Mr Arthur Clegg as organist has been received by the deacons. Mr Clegg has given faithful service for many years and we are grateful for all the time and energy he has given. The position of organist/choirmaster is vacant. If anyone is interested, enquiries should be made to the minister or church secretary.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY: CRECHE, BEGINNERS AND PRIMARY

Saturday, December 6th. 3-6pm Will teachers and parents please note?

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CHOIR JUMBLE SALE

Articles required for this event on 28th Nov. at 7pm.

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ROCHDALE GROUP MEETING (former Rochdale Council)

At Moore St. Congregational Church, on Monday 24th Nov. at 7.30pm. This is the inaugural meeting.

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FAMILY FILM SCHEME

Both Milnrow and Littleborough are planning special film evenings. Littleborough will be holding mid-week devotional meetings and Milnrow will have three film services.

The November dates:-

Littleborough: 13th Nov. Thursday 7.45 pm.

Milnrow: 23rd Nov. Sunday 6.0 pm.

The Film: THE FRED JAMES STORY

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LADIES GUILD

On October 7th our speaker was Mrs.A. Davey of Castleton Congregational Church, who gave an account of her visit to the Holy Land two years ago. Some of her many memories were deep and lasting, others witty and amusing, but all very enjoyable to the thirty members present.

The November speaker is a specialist in Lancashire dialect, Mrs. Lord, and will be at the guild on November 4th.

16th November - Ladies Sunday at 11.0 am. & 6.0 pm.
Mrs. A. Collinge of Chadderton.

2nd December - Christmas Party

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ANNUAL CHURCH DANCE

A date to remember - November 29th- Dancing 7 - 11 pm. Plus all the usual fun and games. Bring all the family to an excellent night out.

Dancing to the Duncan Trio, the band which everyone enjoyed so much last year.

Tickets: Adults 4/6d. Children 2/6d.
including refreshments.

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THE FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE BAR has raised from March to September 1969, the sum of £21.

We are grateful to everyone who helped in any way.

FAMILY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY WEEK-END

On SATURDAY 4th October an entertainment with an 'Old Time' theme was presented by the men and women of the church. In addition to songs and comedy items, prizes were awarded for the best trimmed hat, gent's moustache, ankles and knobbly knees. The pianist was Mr. H. Heywood. Our grateful thanks to the ladies who made the potato pies which were served during the evening.
On SUNDAY 5th October the services commenced with Holy Communion at 8.0 am.
The service at 11.0 a.m. took the form of a Festival of Thanksgiving, in which every section of the church took part. A tableau was built up of things which are important to us in our everyday lives: at WORK, at HOME, at SCHOOL, and at CHURCH. "Little Bird" and a chorus were sung by the smaller children. An introit was sung by the choir, who also contributed special music at the evening service at 6.0 p.m.
The organist was Mr. A. Clegg. Our own minister the Rev. Glyn Jenkins conducted all the services.

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"Newhey" was the theme of the film show given by Mr. Sam Butterworth on Wednesday 15th October. The film show was organised by the "M.M." Committee and raised £10 for "M.M." funds.
Mr. Butterworth was introduced by the "M.M." chairman Rev. G. Jenkins, and supper was served at the close.

In connection with the "M.M." which will shortly be with us, we print on Page 14 the menu available at the "M.M." Restaurant on Market Day.

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The most acceptable service of God is doing good to man.

Benjamin Franklin

CHURCH DUTIES

SIDESMEN FOR MORNING WORSHIP

Nov.	2nd	Mr. J. Collins	Counc. I. Royle
	9th	Mr. W. Holland	Mr. W. Prince
	16th	Mr. A. Heaton	Mr. A. Bruckshaw
	23rd	Mr. D. Fursey	Mr. R. Gillon
	30th	Mr. B. Clough	Mr. L. Whittaker
Dec.	7th	Mr. H. Mellor	Mr. C. Pearson

DEACONS ROTA

		Evening Door Stewards	Vestry Duty
Nov.	2nd	Mr. J. Emmott Mr. P. Whitehead	Mr. G. Whitworth
	9th	Mrs. A. Wilson Mr. H. Whitehead	Mr. K. Hey
	16th	Mr. J. Wild Mrs. Starkie	Mrs. N. Settle
	23rd	Miss M. Wood Mr. G. Whitworth	Mr. J. Wild
	30th	Mr. K. Hey Mr. A. Roberts	Mrs. Starkie
Dec.	7th	Mr. J. Emmott Mr. P. Whitehead	Mrs. A. Whitworth

COMMUNION ROTA

Nov.	2nd	Mr. J. Emmott	Mr. A. Roberts

CRECHE ROTA

Nov.	2nd	Mrs. White	Nov.	23rd	Mrs. Busill
	9th	Mrs. Fletcher		30th	Mrs. D. Hey
	16th	Mrs. Fenton	Dec.	7th	Mrs. Whitehead

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

Nov.	2nd	Mrs. Prestwich	&	Mrs. Kay
	9th	Mrs. H. Buckley	&	Mrs. E. Smith
	16th	Miss M. Wood	&	Miss A. Clegg
	23rd	Mrs. Duffy	&	Mrs. F. Butterworth
	30th	Mrs. F. Rae	&	Mrs. D. Law
Dec.	7th	Mrs. W. Prince	&	Mrs. F. Holland

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ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

Nov.

Sun.	2nd	11am Miss M. Burgess (Bury) 6pm Mr J.Ashton (Bagslate Wesley) Communion
Mon.	3rd	7.30pm MM Comm. Mtg. at 8 Bowland Grove
Tue.	4th	7.30pm Ladies Guild - Mrs Lord
Sat.	8th	3pm District Lay Preachers Meeting at Bury Convent Grammar School.
Sun.	9th	11am Rev. G. Jenkins 6pm Mrs A. Scaddon
Wed.	12th	7.30pm Deacons Meeting at 6 Ladyhouse Close.
Sat.	15th	2.30pm MICHAELMAS MARKET (see p.14)
Sun	16th	11am & 6pm Ladies Sunday - Mrs A. Collinge (Chadderton)
Sun.	23rd	11am Mr R. Birtwistle (Stubbins) 6pm Rev. G. Jenkins (Film Service)
Mon.	24th	7.30pm Rochdale Group of C.C. Meeting at Moore St. Congregational Church.
Tue.	25th	7.30pm Junior Church Staff Meeting
Wed.	26th	8pm Church Meeting
Fri.	28th	7pm Choir Jumble Sale
Sat.	29th	7pm Annual Church Dance
Sun.	30th	11am & 6pm Rev. G. Jenkins

Dec

Tue.	2nd	Ladies Christmas Party
Sat.	6th	Christmas Party - Primary, beginners and creche

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Nov. 2nd Mrs E.Garside & Mrs B.Whitley
9th Miss A. Memory
16th Mrs Pickup & Mrs Watkins
23rd Mrs Hanson & Mrs Nunn
30th Mrs Clowes

OFFERTORIES

Sept. 7th £24. 0.11d. Sept.21st £25. 0. 6d.
14th £14.18. 9d. 28th £15. 9. 7d.

OUR MINISTER WILL BE ON HOLIDAY DURING THE FIRST W

LITTLEBOROUGH DIARY

Nov.

Sun. 2nd	10.30am	Mrs E. Gillon (Milnrow)
Tue. 4th	7.30pm	Ladies Guild Birthday Supper.
Sun. 9th	10.30am	
	6pm	Rev. G. Jenkins (Communion)
Mon.10th	7.30pm	Teachers Meeting
Sun.16th	10.30am	Rev. G. Jenkins
Sat.22nd	3pm	Centenary Fair
Sun.23rd	10.30am	Rev. G. Jenkins
Thu.27th	7.45pm	Men's Fellowship (Mr Jay)
Sun.30th	10.30am	Mr A. Roberts (Milnrow)

Dec.

Sat. 6th	Family Church Party
Sun. 7th	10.30am Mrs E. Gillon (Milnrow)
Sun.14th	Toy Service

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Nov. 2nd	Mrs P. Greenwood
9th	Mrs Korshaw
16th	Mrs Worthington
23rd	Mrs H. Hill
30th	Mrs Wall
Dec. 7th	Mrs E. Holt

OFFERTORIES

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28th	£22.12. 0d.	(HARVEST)
Oct. 5th	7.19. 0d.	
12th	11. 0. 0d.	
19th	13.16. 0d.	

Please Note "Family Film" Thursday 13th November 7.45 p.m.

(See page 5)

CHURCH DUTIES

SIDESMEN

Nov.	2nd	Mr. W. Barber	Mr. H. Hill	
	9th	Mr. Ingham	Mr. Beattie	10.30 am.
		Mr. Booth	Mr. Simpson	6.00 pm.
	16th	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brown	
	23rd	Mr. Holt	Mr. H. Hill	
	30th	Mr. Barker	Mr. Ingham	
Dec.	7th	Mr. Beattie	Mr. Nairn	

DEACONS COMMUNION ROTA

Nov.	9th	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Barker

CRECHE ROTA

Nov.	2nd	Pat Schofield	Dorothy Mallinson
	9th	Enid Kerry	Beryl Hartley
	16th	Stella Moss	Sheila Smith
	23rd	Barbara Holt	Hilary Vincent
	30th	Joan Williams	Irene Sutcliffe

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— Dean Acheson

CENTENARY FAIR NEWS

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Don't forget the bottle of:- vinegar - hair lotion- Ribena - pop - yes, anything in a bottle for the stall to Mrs. D. Leach please.

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LADIES GUILD

On October 7th Mr. Harry Hill showed holiday slides with Mrs. Hill as commentator. The showing was greatly enjoyed by all present and the Hills were thanked by the president. Arrangements were made at this meeting for the Junble Sale on October 17th. Tea and biscuits were served by Mrs. Crossley and Mrs. Greenwood.
Mrs. Cockcroft was the pianist.

The Junble Sale raised £24. 6. 9. Thank You.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Junior Church were responsible for the Harvest Pageant given during family worship on Sunday 28th September. The theme of the service was the harvest of the sea, country and town. All the young people of the Junior Church and Primary took part and Mr. F. Simpson, Junior Church superintendent, was the narrator. Following the pageant, the Rev. H.Russell of Heysham, who was the minister during the war years, addressed himself particularly to the young people. The thanksgiving service in the evening was again conducted by Mr. Russell, and the choir sang the introit "God is good" and the anthem "Sing to the Lord of Harvest." Mr. L.W. Greaves was the organist and Mrs. N. Cockcroft the choir leader. All the gifts of fruit and flowers were distributed to the sick and aged of the church and district.

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Are you still collecting 3d. bits for the Centenary Fund? We still have a long way to go and a lot of tubes to fill. Keep up the good work.
Mr. Merrick is Centenary Fund treasurer and will be pleased to supply you with empty containers.

£173 is the total to date.

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The Busy Bees are busy doing their best to increase the congregation at Family Church.
Congratulations to Joan and Bob on the arrival of Peter James, to Hilary and Roy who also have a second son, John, as do Irene and Peter with the early appearance of Pat.

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Organised by the Busy Bees, and Arts and Crafts demonstration by Mr. & Mrs. Kershaw of Oldham, was enjoyed in the school on Tuesday evening, September 30th. A large variety of tools, kits, and materials were on display, and the varied demonstrations by both Mr. & Mrs. Kershaw were instructive, useful and informative. The Busy Bees now look forward to some busy weeks making articles for sale at the Centenary Fair in November, and anyone interested and willing will be welcome on these "work nights," or see Mrs. Merrick if you would like to work at home.

Will anyone willing to go on the creche rota please give their names to Mrs. Hilary Vincent. Two ladies look after the babies each Sunday morning and also make the coffee.
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This month sees the Michaelmas Market at St.Stephen's on Saturday, 15th November.
The opening ceremony will take place in church at 2.30 p.m., when Miss Violet Carson (Ena Sharples of the famous T.V. series Coronation Street) will be the opener, with Mr. Joel Barnett M.P. as chairman. The chairman of the Milnrow U.D.C. (Councillor Raymond Brennan) will also be present.
The organist will be Mr. Arthur Clegg.

Teas and snacks will be served in the "M.M." Restaurant situated at the Butterworth Hall Welfare Centre from 3.0 p.m. Tea tickets for three scheduled seatings may be obtained at the ticket kiosk at the market.

The prices are as follows:-

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Remove shells from the dye and allow to dry.

Crush the dried shells into large and small fragments, keeping each colour on a separate sheet of paper. For picture you need a piece of stiff card on which you will have drawn a design or stuck a picture you want transformed into a mosaic.

It is a good idea to use an illustration from a colouring book stuck on to the card.

Using a pair of tweezers, carefully arrange the pieces of coloured shell on the picture. Finding where the fragments lie best, then remove the fragments one at a time. Put a spot of clear adhesive on the back, and replace on the picture. In this way build up your mosaic piece by piece like a jig-saw, keeping all the pieces close together, until the picture is finished.

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A THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY

A THOUGHT FROM MILNER ROWE

You have had the experience, I am sure, of certain texts from the Bible or quotations from other sources staying in your mind and cropping up at various times perhaps quite unexpectedly or when they are deliberately recalled to help you at a time of particular need. One such quotation that I like to think over sometimes is a verse from one of the psalms (118: 24): "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."
It comes from a psalm of thanksgiving which was part of the Jewish Hymn of Praise and has a special place in worship at times of national commemoration and on important feast days. This may have been the psalm which was sung by our Lord and his disciples before they left the upper room at the conclusion of the last supper. It is often sung at Christian services on Easter Day.
Originally it was probably composed as a song of thanksgiving for victory over the enemies of Israel, but its relevance to the great acts of God in the ministry of Jesus Christ, and especially to his victory over death will be obvious. Supposing, however, that we thought over this verse, not only on days which have for us a personal or religious significance, but on other days "ordinary" days, when we just have to carry on with the humdrum tasks and duties that await us in our familiar routine, It could make a big difference to things, for I'm quite certain that there will be something in the day, by way of opportunities of service or some experience of human goodness that should make us thankful.
Let us take these words with us, and begin each day with this simple act of praise.

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